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Please amend the first paragraph at page 1, as added by amendment dated April 28, 2006, with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/869,388, filed October 9, 2001, <u>now U.S.</u> Patent No. 6,774,214, which is the U.S. National Phase application of international patent Application No. PCT/US99/30004, filed December 29, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/223,919, filed December 31, 1998, now abandoned, <u>and is alsowhich is</u> a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/224,604, filed December 31, 1998, now abandoned.

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